

APPENDIX D

STEP PROGRAM INFORMATION



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Memorandum

Date: January 24, 2004
To: [REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Re: 2003 ANNUAL STEP SITE SUMMARY REPORT

Via: Direct [REDACTED]

The following is a recap of the semi-monthly S.T.E.P. site summary reports for calendar year 2003:

| <u>Months:</u> | <u>Hours:</u> | <u>Contacts:</u> | <u>Warnings:</u> | <u>Citations:</u> | <u>Revenue:</u> |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Jan/Feb | 367 | 1,223 | 423 | 800 | \$ 86,371 |
| Mar/Apr | 242 | 824 | 241 | 583 | \$ 60,599 |
| May/June | 600 | 2,317 | 624 | 1,693 | \$194,677 |
| July/Aug | 350 | 1,661 | 376 | 1,285 | \$165,112 |
| Sept/Oct | 455 | 2,047 | 608 | 1,439 | \$218,118 |
| Nov/Dec | <u>376</u> | <u>1,447</u> | <u>331</u> | <u>1,116</u> | <u>\$170,466</u> |
| Totals: | 2,390 | 9,519 | 2,603 | 6,916 | \$896,343 |
| | | (3.99/hr) | (27.35%) | (72.65%) | (\$375/hr) |

S.T.E.P. carried 2 vacancies from January through April, then 1 vacancy from May through October. That equates to 1 FTE for 14 months. I was however able to backfill with 2 SWAT motors from January through June, or 1 FTE for 12 months. STEP is fully staffed starting out 2004, and with the return of the two SWAT motors from their temporary duty assignment, I am able to resume utilizing them for STEP site enforcement.

Collectively for 2003, there were **8,534 citations** issued which generated almost **1.2 million dollars**.

- NTSP accounted for 1,208 of those citations, (14.16%), and contributed \$193,425 in revenue, (16.36%). 2 Officers, no vacancies but 1 two month disability leave.
- SWAT accounted for 976 of those citations, (11.43%), and contributed \$90,105 in revenue, (7.62). 2 Deputies, deployed only 6 months to traffic in 2003.
- STEP accounted for the remaining 6,350 citations, (74.41%), and contributed \$898,641 in revenue, (76.02%). 7 Deputies; carried 2 vacancies for 4 months, 1 vacancy for 6 more months.
- Actual STEP site enforcement accounted for 6,916 of the 7,326 citations issued, (94.40%), and \$896,343 of the \$988,746 revenue generated, (90.65%). The remaining citations/revenue is incidental traffic enforcement not tracked to a specific STEP site.

Most people know how to use our streets safely, but can get careless when in a hurry. STEP officers provide a highly visible presence and a reminder that no one is too busy to practice safe driving, walking and bicycling habits.

STEP is just one way King County is responding to traffic safety problems in unincorporated King County. By raising driver awareness, STEP officers help improve the quality of life for all of us.

Want to learn more?

For more information about traffic safety, Radar Readerboards or Block Watch programs in your neighborhood, contact the King County Sheriff's Office precinct or closest storefront to you:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Precinct 2, Kenmore | (206) 296-5020 |
| Precinct 3, Maple Valley | (206) 296-3883 |
| Precinct 4, Burien | (206) 296-3333 |

To request traffic enforcement on your street, contact the King County Sheriff's Office, (206) 296-3311, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To report damaged road signs, vegetation that needs pruning or potholes in your street, contact King County Road Services Maintenance, (206) 296-8100, or 1-800-KC-ROADS (toll-free), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To report traffic concerns in your neighborhood or to learn more about the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program, contact King County Traffic Engineering, (206) 296-6596, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.

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STEP Selective Traffic Enforcement Plan

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The STEP squad is one way King County is improving traffic safety in King County neighborhoods.

How STEP works

STEP, or **Selective Traffic Enforcement Plan**, is an expansion of the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program to unincorporated King County arterials. STEP is a collaborative program bringing together the resources of two King County departments: the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Transportation.

STEP places uniformed, motorcycle police officers on selected arterial roads in unincorporated King County. Law enforcement and traffic engineers have analyzed historical data on accidents, traffic speeds, chronic traffic problems and citizen complaints and identified a number of long-standing problem areas as candidates for STEP services.

How STEP can make a difference

STEP is intended to promote traffic safety by raising drivers' awareness of safe driving habits. One of the officers' primary objectives is to change the behavior of drivers who don't obey speed limits.



Many drivers don't realize speeding doesn't significantly reduce total commuting time.

STEP officers will increase public awareness by providing education, traffic information, Radar Readerboard speed displays, verbal warnings and, as appropriate, traffic citations. Just the presence of these highly visible officers sends a strong signal that speeding and unsafe driving are unacceptable and have consequences.

As drivers reduce their vehicle speeds, traffic analysts expect communities to experience fewer traffic-related accidents, injuries and property damage.

STEP officers will focus on the problems created by drivers who exceed speed limits – after all, speeding is a contributing factor in traffic-related deaths. The STEP officers will also remind drivers and pedestrians that:

- Pedestrians always have the right-of-way in crosswalks – drivers must yield.
- Drivers need to be as respectful of speed limits in other neighborhoods as they want drivers in their own neighborhoods to be.
- Studies show that speeding makes little difference in total commute time.
- High speeds reduce the ability to successfully cope with the unexpected.
- Children are the most common pedestrians on residential streets and most likely to be the victims of careless driving.
- A pedestrian has an 85 percent chance of being killed in a collision with a car traveling at 40 mph.



STEP officers help educate neighborhood residents, including children, about traffic safety.